

It's Your Turn: Make your voice heard!



It's Your Turn: Register to Vote Today

Presented by the League of Women Voters



It's Your Turn: What we're talking about today

- **Registering to vote** in California
- **Importance of your vote** for you, your family and your community
- **Power of your vote**
- **Voter choices**
- **Get registered NOW!**
- **Non-Partisan resources**



It's Your Turn: Are you registered to vote?



It's Your Turn: A Timeline of Voting in America

We Stand on the Shoulders of Those Who Paved the Way



1776

- White land owning males 21 and older are granted the right to vote.

1868

- 14th Amendment grants full citizenship and voting rights to all men born or naturalized in the United States.



1870

- 15th amendment eliminates racial barriers to voting however; poll taxes, literacy tests, fraud and intimidation still prevent many from voting.



1920

- 19th Amendment grants **women** the right to vote.



1924

- Indian Citizenship Act grants **Native Americans** citizenship and voting rights.



100 years ago



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1952

- The McCarran-Walter Act of 1952 lifted all restrictions on **Asian immigrants** becoming naturalized citizens, opening up Asian-Americans to become citizens and exercise their right to



Civil Rights Act, 1964

The Civil Rights Act declared:

- no segregation in public places
- no discrimination in employment based on race, gender, or national origin



Pres. Lyndon Johnson signing the Act in 1964.

"The vote is the most powerful instrument ever devised by man for breaking down injustice." Lyndon Johnson

1965

- **Voting Rights Act of 1965** was designed to enforce the 14th and 15th amendments and **prohibits discrimination in voting** thereby securing the right to vote for racial minorities.



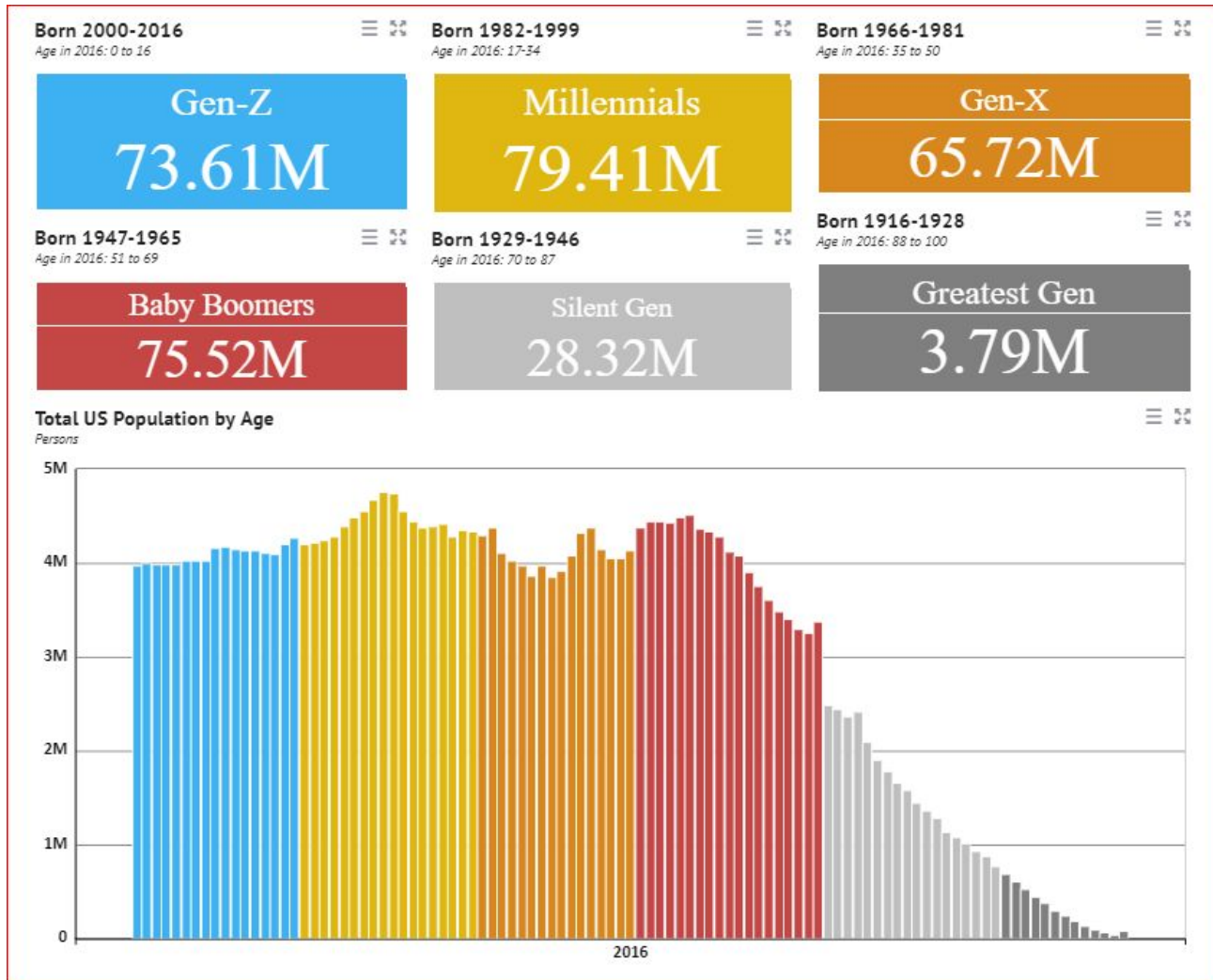
1971

- **26th Amendment** lowers the voting age from **21 to 18** in light of the Vietnam War to ensure those old enough to fight could vote.



"The vote is the most powerful non-violent tool we have." John R. Lewis

It's Your Turn: Power of your vote



- **Gen-Z** (born approx. 2000-2016) make up **25% of the US population** and are **starting to vote**.
- **In 2020, the largest demographic group** in the history of the US will be those **between the ages of 18-24**. They will be the “deciders”.
- Voting is an essential way to **exercise that power** and make sure **your voice heard**.

It's Your Turn: "Democracy is NOT a Spectator Sport"



It's Your Turn: Power of your vote

One person
can ~~only~~ do
so much

One vote can change election outcomes.

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#1




#3



Remember - Those that vote decide for those that don't!! Every vote counts.



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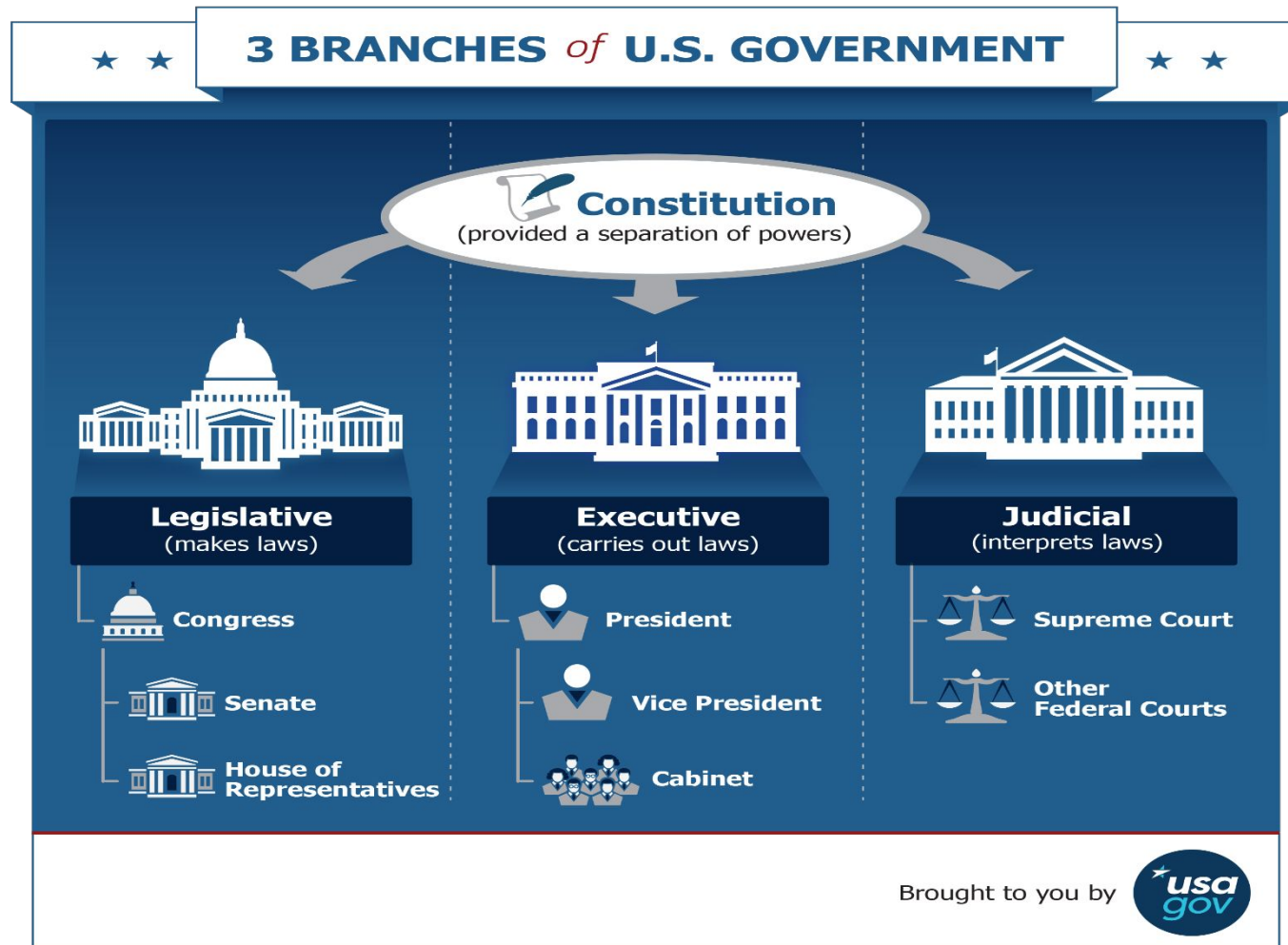
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“Your vote is your voice, and if you don’t vote then no one is hearing you. You can’t really complain, you have no basis because you didn’t go out and vote. No one can really find a candidate that is perfect top to bottom, but I guess you gotta sit down, really look at the issues and make your best choice.”

Rafael, 19 years old (Rockthevote.com)



It's Your Turn: YOU power the government



Your Vote Impacts

- ✓ Your City
- ✓ Your County
- ✓ Your State
- ✓ Your Country
- ✓ Your Life

It's Your Turn: Your choices when you vote



It's Your Turn: November 3, 2020: Your Choices

- ✓ **Presidential Candidates**
- ✓ **US House of Representatives: Districts 3 and 5**
Vallejo, Benicia, Dixon, Rio Vista, parts of Fairfield, and parts of Vacaville
- ✓ **State Senator: District 3**
All of Solano County
- ✓ **State Assembly Districts 4, 11, and 14**
Dixon, Benicia, Vallejo, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, and Vacaville
- ✓ **City Officials: Mayors, City Council Members, City Clerks, City Treasurers**
- ✓ **County Board of Education**
- ✓ **Community College Board**
- ✓ **Local School Boards**
- ✓ **Special Districts (fire protection and water districts)**

It's Your Turn: Register to vote in California

Voter Eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Must be 18 on Election Day
- ✓ Pre-register when you are 16
- ✓ Not in Jail or on Parole for a Felony
- ✓ Born in the USA or have become a US citizen
- ✓ Not found mentally incompetent to vote by a court
- ✓ Deadline to register: Election Day at the polls

Ways to Register:

1. Using a paper form to mail in
2. Online at: registertovote.ca.gov
3. At the DMV when you get a driver's license or CA ID card
4. On Election Day at any Voter Center and in Solano County at any Polling Place.



It's Your Turn: Get registered today

What you need to register today:

ONE of these IDs:

- California driver's license **or** California identification card number

OR

- Last four digits of your social security number

PLUS

- Your date of birth
- Black or blue ink pen if you're using a paper registration form
- Be sure to sign and date the registration form



It's Your Turn: Ready, Set, Register!

Paper form: Get out your black or blue pen. Online: Go to registertovote.ca.gov

Box 1: Check the boxes for

- ✓ US citizen and live in California
- ✓ Choose 18+ to register OR 16-17 to pre-register

Box 2: Your full legal name

Box 3:

- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Identification:
 - California driver license or California identification card number
 - OR Last four digits of your social security number
- ✓ US State or Country where you were born

Box 4: Address where you live

Box 5: Address where you get your mail (*if different from Box 4 or a PO Box, fill this out*)



It's Your Turn: Choose how to vote - Mail or In Person

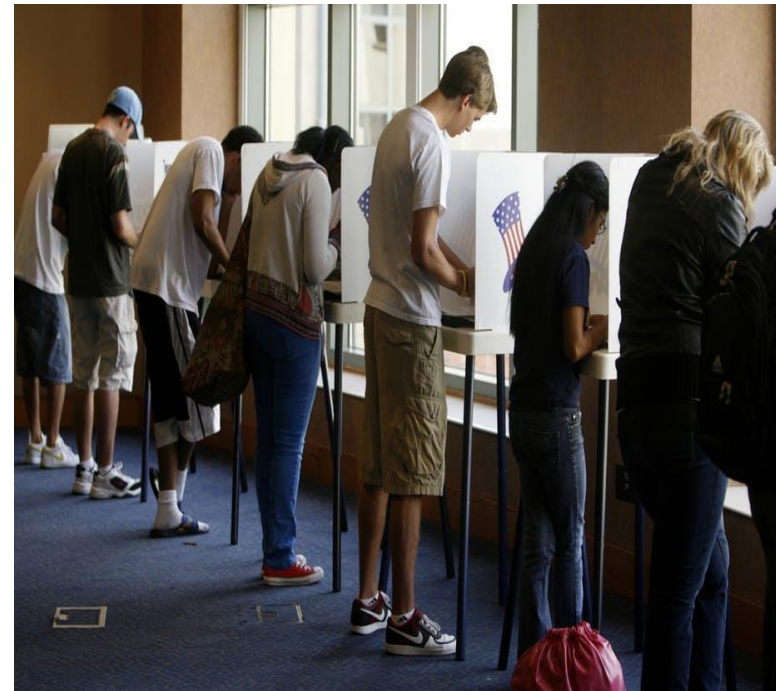
Box 7:

It's easy to Vote by mail

(You can also take your ballot to your polling place.)



It's fun to Vote in person (you can also take your mail-in ballot to your voting location)



It's Your Turn: To Party or Not to Party? It's your choice.

Box 8:

When you register to vote, you can choose to have “No Party Preference” (Independent)

OR choose a Political Party.

1. Want to be Independent (not affiliated with any Party), choose:

✓ ***No Party Preference*** (NPP) This **box is at the bottom of the Party choice box.**

2. Want to be a support a political party?

✓ Choose from one of the following qualified CA political parties listed on the next slide.

You can change your choice by re-registering online, by mail or at the DMV.

It's Your Turn: Choose A Political Party or Not!

Mark one of the political parties below or check No Party Preference.

American Independent Party

Democratic Party

Green Party

Libertarian Party

Peace and Freedom

Republican Party

Other

OR

No Party Preference

It's Your Turn: Optional info

Box 9: Optional voter information:

- Your email address and / or phone number
- Choose to get texts with election information
- Your language preference for election materials
- Want election materials in accessible format
- Provide your ethnicity / race

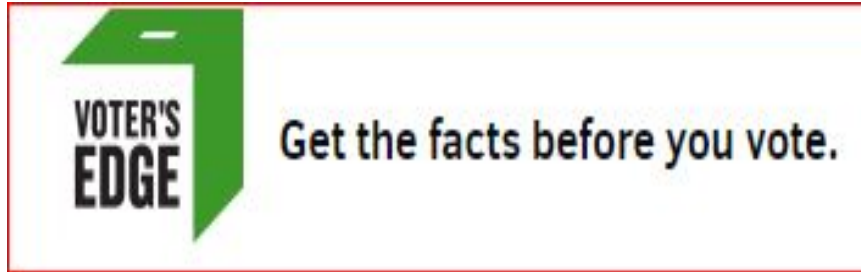
All of these are Optional and don't affect your voter registration.

It's Your Turn: Affirm, sign, date – all done!

Box 10:

- ✓ Read the affirmation statement
 - ✓ Sign your full legal signature
 - ✓ Date your form
 - ✓ Submit your form electronically
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- ✓ **Vote in the next election, November 3, 2020!**

It's Your Turn: Unbiased voter resources for you



Voter's Edge neither supports nor opposes political parties, ballot measures, or candidates for public office.

<https://votersedge.org/>



Where you can follow the money.
Find out who gave \$ to whom.

<https://maplight.org/>

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League of Women Voters

(We also have lots of men members and serve Vallejo, too.)

We're a non-partisan national group of volunteers

- We **educate** about the issues and voting importance
- We **register** voters
- **Inform** voters about candidates and issues

Join us as a Volunteer: LWVSolano@gmail.com

- **Help** register new voters
- **Learn** how government works
- **Encourage** your friends & family to vote
- **Earn** credit for your college entrance (LWV Letter)



It's Your Turn: You will make a difference!

